

GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2023

GALSTEER Attendees:

Tracy Blunier	Benjamin Mullis
Kimberly Bugg	Burr Osoinach
Angiah Davis	Kristi Peavy
Jennifer Durham	Leslie Sharp
Michelle Easley	Andrea Stanfield
David Edens	Angela Stanley
Sonya Gaither	Jeff Steely
Toby Graham	Ru Story-Huffman
Sarah Holmes	Julie Walker
Alan Karass (Vice Chair)	Bradley Warren
Natalie Marshall	Melissa Whitesell (Chair)
LaVerne McLaughlin	

GALILEO/GIL Staff:

Nakita Afaha	Sean C Purcell
Brad Baxter	Barry Robinson
Sean Boyle	John Stephens
Lucy Harrison	Joshua Walker Wier
Sheila McAlister	Mike White
David Seamus Narron	Joy Woodson
Russell Palmer	

Agenda and Minutes:

Chair Melissa Whitesell called the meeting to order. Lucy Harrison took roll. Leslie Sharp moved to approve the agenda and Jennifer Durham seconded. Agenda was approved. Toby Graham moved to approve minutes from the June meeting, Brad Warren seconded, and minutes were approved.

Melissa welcomed the incoming members. Most were able to attend the June meeting, but there is one brand new member: Tracy Blunier from Whitefield Academy will be representing private K-12/GISA (replacing Tom Auger). Terms officially started July 1, and all new members have been added to listservs and calendar invites sent.

Member Updates:

Chair Melissa Whitesell announced that they have a new interim president at Dalton State University, Dr. John Fuchko III. Many GALSTEER/RACL members are familiar with Dr. Fuchko as he was previously the interim president of Columbus State University and has worked for many years at the USG system office. Dalton has also released an RFP for a \$5 million capital projects fund to renovate

the library, including a new entrance and other infrastructure changes (HVAC, lighting, ADA compliance changes, etc.)

Kristi Peavy (Wesleyan) reminded the group that Kelly Ansley has moved on from LaGrange so she is now getting up to speed on GPALS and its GALSTEER representation.

Ben Mullis said that TCSG schools are ramping up for fall semester and will have their first “Alma office hours” meeting on Monday to go over calendar management.

Angela Stanley shared that GPLS libraries have wrapped up with summer reading and are jumping straight into the annual reporting. GPLS has a couple of new hires: Lauren Ledesma will be the new local archivist, working with Josh Kitchens and the archival services unit. They also have new team members in IT, PINES and on the IOPS team (internal services business services team). They’re also hoping to hire a facilities manager. They are also looking forward to the fall GPLS Directors Meeting at the end of September in Carrollton.

State Librarian Julie Walker provided a brief budget update: state agencies (including USG and GPLS) have been allowed by OPB to request up to 3% increases in budget this year. GALILEO is part of the USG Central Office budget, but we were able to ask that an increase in the GALILEO budget would be included (about \$329K). So far that is moving forward. That will not entirely fix the GALILEO budget shortfall but it will help if approved. GPLS was also able to submit a separate 3% increase request for both the amended FY24 budget and ongoing. GALILEO and GPLS were also able to request some one-time funding at various levels. We’ll know more once the legislature convenes in January.

Brad Warren shared that the Augusta University Health System (AUHS) transfer of ownership to Wellstar Health System is now in place. For the library, they are figuring out how to address access issues. Their medical school will also be adding a Savannah campus next fall, on the Georgia Southern Armstrong campus. Augusta also had an unusual start to the fall semester as their residence hall for freshman students was deemed uninhabitable just two weeks before the semester started, so they are putting up freshman students at hotels and apartment complexes across Augusta, giving them a “concierge” housing experience most freshmen do not get. Augusta has also reached an enrollment milestone, with total enrollment well above the 10,000 mark this year.

Lucy, Russell, and John provided some general GALILEO updates:

- **FOLIO:** The contract for the new FOLIO Library Services Platform for USG and the State Archives has been fully executed and the Implementation Team will have its first meeting on 9/20. While FOLIO will not go live until summer 2025, the linked data service called Bibliograph will go live this fall (UGA and GGC are piloting) so look for holdings from USG schools to start showing up in Google search results soon. The Panorama analytics tool will also be available no later than June 2024. FOLIO sandboxes and training will be set up in Spring 2024 and formal library training will kick off at that point. Lucy and Sean Boyle just returned from WOLFCon which is the annual meeting for the Open Library Foundation, the foundation supporting FOLIO and other open source projects. One new project that was announced at WOLFCon is OpenRS, which is the resource sharing platform that we have contracted with EBSCO to provide to us as part of our RFP. OpenRS will be in place by the time MOBIUS goes

live in spring 2024, and will provide all the functionality outlined in our RFP and previously expected to be addressed by ReShare Direct Consortial Borrowing. Longer term, we expect OpenRS will provide options to expand beyond current GIL Express functionality and potentially connect to GPLS, TCSG, and other libraries.

- **Open Athens Update:** Russell reported that all PINES libraries are now live on OpenAthens. Non-PINES GPLS libraries Sequoyah Regional and Chattahoochee Valley are also live, and Fulton County and DeKalb are ready and will be going live in the next couple of weeks. Gwinnett and Cobb are ready to go live later this year, and the remaining 3 libraries are waiting on resource activation or the installation of a connector to their ILS.

The final phase of the OpenAthens implementation is K-12. On July 20 GALILEO staff had a reset meeting with Keith Osborn and team at GaDOE. We have now created authentication personas and shared GALILEO's needs with the GaDOE team. There is another meeting with GaDOE on September 7, so we are moving towards a productive outcome. Once we have a decision on the public K-12 implementation we will circle back to private K-12. There are also a handful of private higher ed libraries that still need to be addressed.

- **New EDS Interface:** On August 15, EBSCO and GALILEO switched all K-12 (public and private), GPLS, and TCSG libraries to the new interface. No access or switchover issues were reported, and the reception to date is positive:
 - “MUCH CLEANER!!!”
 - “Dashboard leads to things people don’t know about”
 - “Filtering is super easy”
 - “Love it that you can access tools like cite from the results page.”

We are still looking to the winter break to switch over the remaining higher-ed libraries to the new interface (USG and -PALS libraries), and the GALILEO support team is reviewing all sites to assess customizations, integrations, and widgets, and hopefully mitigate any surprises. GALILEO will set up any functionality that transitions to the new UI, will review with institutions how that functionality may be different now, and will notify them of any functionality that will not transition. For the handful of libraries that manage their own EDS, we are starting that outreach next week. It will be important for those libraries to attend training on the new EBSCO Experience Manager: [EBSCOadmin and EBSCO Experience Manager Overview \(1 hour\)](#) Some EDS backend functionality will now be handled in EEM, but some still lives in EBSCOAdmin. The EDS [Development Roadmap](#) is available online. We are also working with the GIL OPAC/Discovery Committee to provide insights into our process that will be shared out.

Rusell provided a brief demo of the new EDS UI and encourage people to participate in the training session which will be happening monthly through January (some dates TBD):

- Register for a session [here](#)
- Recording available to view [here](#)

- **E-Resource Updates:** John reminded the group of the current representatives to the GALILEO [E-Resources Committee](#):
 - (TCSG) Tina Jordan – Lanier Technical College
 - (GPALS) Rhiannon Bruner – Wesleyan College
 - (GISA) Misty Williams – Lakeview Academy
 - (USG) Tim Daniels – University of North Georgia
 - (AMPALS) Elizabeth Bagley – Agnes Scott College
 - (GPLS) Jeffrey Fisher – Forsyth County Public Library
 - (K12) Michelle Easley – Fulton County Schools

John also works with an [Accessibility Committee](#), whose next meeting date is TBD; and with an [Open Access Committee](#), whose next meeting is Tuesday, August 29 from 2-3 pm.

John provided an ACS mid-year update: usage across all participants increased 23% for January to June 2023 compared to the same 6-month period in 2022. Usage increased at 64 sites and decreased at only 3 sites. Over 1400 full text articles were provided to sites that did not have online access in 2022. There were also 160 Open Access articles published by GALILEO-affiliated authors through July with APCs covered by this agreement. So far this has been a very successful program.

Thanks to some one-time funding, GALILEO was able to purchase perpetual access to the University of Michigan 2023 ebook collection (about 80 titles) for higher ed members, which also provides term access to their backfile collection (about 2200 titles).

- John reminded the group of some upcoming e-resource deadlines for purchases and renewals:
- Ovid Nursing (LWW Nursing and Health Professions Premier) renews 10/15
 - Atmire DSpace repositories renew 12/1
 - ACS journal package renews 1/1
 - Cambridge journal package renews 1/1

Ordering deadlines are at least three weeks ahead of renewal dates. Please reach out to John Stephens ASAP for new orders and changes.

Digital Library of Georgia Update: Sheila McAlister reminded the group that the Georgia Newspaper project will stop microfilming newspapers at the end of this fiscal year. They have been working with publishers to start depositing their preprints of their papers with DLG in a “born digital” program which is a much more efficient process. To date they have 25 different publishers who have signed on to the program and are waiting on MOUs for seven or eight others. DLG will work with public libraries to encourage local newspapers to participate.

DLG has a lot of new online newspaper content. They’ve hit about 3.1 million pages of digitized newspaper content and earlier this month were awarded a fourth round of national digital newspaper program funding, bringing the total up to about \$900,000 in funding. Through that program, with the help of an Advisory Board, they will be selecting 100,000 pages for digitization, focusing on the Jim Crow and early civil rights in Georgia with an emphasis on African American newspapers, newspapers

representing counties that are where particularly known lynching, and segregationist newspapers that were led by Georgia politicians. They've also been working to add more LGBTQ content, including adding periodicals from Kennesaw and Georgia State to the Georgia Historic Newspapers. They're also exploring a partnership with MyHeritage to digitize public domain microfilmed content and make it available through their site (and through ours after an embargo period).

Sheila shared the list DLG subgrantee programs, including new participants (with asterisks below):

- Athens-Clarke County Public Library
- Atlanta History Center
- DeKalb History Center*
- Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia*
- Island Ford Baptist Church*
- Suwanee First United Methodist Church*
- The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum

The group had a brief conversation about access to the Atlanta Journal Constitution. AJC's online edition is very dynamic and complex, and current access methods are not meeting libraries' needs. Several groups would be interested in better access and more accessible archiving of the paper. Sheila and John will convene a group to talk things through and try to identify a better approach.

Strategic Planning: Lucy provided an overview of the strategic planning feedback that was received at the GALILEO Annual Conference in June. Posters were set up with each strategic goal on them, and reminders of major progress. Attendees commented on whether these goals are still relevant, and what changes or new ideas they suggest. This and other feedback will be considered at the GALILEO Strategic Planning retreat on September 15, which will include GALILEO staff and representatives from all stakeholder groups. RACL will provide input on USG-specific goals at its full meeting in the Fall, and we will also provide additional feedback opportunities for library staff. We'll have additional conversation at GALSTEER in October and January and hope to have a new/updated 5-year plan in place by late spring 2024.

Sonya Gaither motioned to adjourn, and LaVerne McLaughlin seconded. Meeting adjourned.